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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD
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Application or Serial Number
10-824,801

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)		(Column 2)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.18(a))							
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.18(c))	24 minus 20 =		X \$ _____		OR	X \$ _____	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.18(b))	17 minus 3 =		X \$ _____		OR	X \$ _____	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.18(d))			X \$ _____		OR	X \$ _____	
* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2			TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)		(Column 2)	(Column 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	26 Minus	24	2	X \$ 25	50⁰⁰	OR	X \$ _____	
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	19 Minus	17	2	X \$ 100	200⁰⁰	OR	X \$ _____	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				X \$ _____		OR	X \$ _____	
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE	250⁰⁰	OR	TOTAL ADD'L FEE	
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AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	Minus			X \$ _____		OR	X \$ _____	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				X \$ _____		OR	X \$ _____	
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		OR	TOTAL ADD'L FEE	
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	Minus			X \$ _____		OR	X \$ _____	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				X \$ _____		OR	X \$ _____	
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Application of: M. Scott Jones)

Docket No. 120462)

Serial No.: 10/824,801)

Filed: April 15, 2004)

Examiner: Kimberly R. Lockett)

Art Unit: 2837)

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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a Response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February
28, 2006, in regard to the above-identified patent application:*[remainder of page intentionally left blank]*

resolved by a telephone conference or a personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$)**1005.00****Complete if Known**

Application Number	
Filing Date	April 15, 2004
First Named Inventor	M. Scott Jones
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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	385.00
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 285	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$)385.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
22	-20** = 2	x 9	= 18
Independent Claims	17	-3** = 14	x 43 = 602
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)**620.00**

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)**SUBMITTED BY**

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